9th Annual Independent Inventor Conference

Concord, New Hampshire August 20-21, 2004

Friday, August 20, 2004

8:00-8:50	Registration Continental Breakfast Slide Presentation	
8:50 - 9:00	Greetings	Richard Maulsby, Director, Office of Public Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office
		Jeffrey Dollinger, President and Chief Development Officer, National Inventors Hall of Fame
9:00 - 9:15	Welcoming Remarks	Robert Rines, founder, Franklin Pierce Law Center, inductee, National Inventors Hall of Fame
9:15 – 10:00	Kick-Off	Nicholas P. Godici, Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office
	USPTO Overview	Esther M. Kepplinger, Deputy Commissioner for Patent Operations, United States Patent and Trademark Office
10:00 - 11:15	Inventor and Entrepreneur	Dean Kamen, Inventor of the "Segway"
11:15 - 11:30	<u>Break</u>	
<i>11:30 – 12:45</i>	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
	Working with your Patent Attorney	Attorneys At Law – Dan Bourque, Phil Decker, Michael Persson, Todd Sullivan
	What's In A Name? Trademark and Design Applications	Jessie Marshall, Trademark Attorney, and James Gandy, Design Patent Practice Specialist, USPTO
	Application Preparation for Patents (for Beginners)	Marian Knode and Lynne Browne, Supervisory Patent Examiners, USPTO
	Hands-on Patent Searching and Navigating the USPTO web site (class limited to 25-please sign up at the registration table)	John Cabeca and Andrew Faile, Supervisory Patent Examiners, USPTO

12:45 – 2:00	<u>Lunch</u>	Jon W. Dudas Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
2:00 – 3:15	Town Hall Meeting	Commissioner Godici, Deputy Commissioner Kepplinger, Dan Bourque, Joyce Ward, Jessie Marshall and USPTO Solicitor John Whealan
	<u>Moderator</u>	James Groody, Executive Assistant, USPTO
3:15 – 3:30	<u>Break</u>	
3:30 - 4:45	Concurrent Breakout Sessions	
	Application Preparation for Patents (for Beginners)	Marian Knode and Lynne Browne, Supervisory Patent Examiners, USPTO
	Are You The Target? How can the American Inventors Protection Act help you?	John M. Whealan, Deputy General Counsel for Intellectual Property Law and Solicitor of the USPTO, and John J. Calvert, Supervisory Patent Examiner, USPTO
	PAIR (Patent Application and Information Retrieval) with access to IFW (Image File Wrapper)	Mary Small, Project Manager, Search and Information Resources Administration, USPTO
	Licensing and Intellectual Property	Joyce Ward, Intellectual Property Attorney, National Inventors Hall of Fame and Edna M. Conway, Senior Director of Legal Technology Strategy, Cisco Systems Inc.
4:45 – 5:30	How are we doing? Business with the USPTO. We want to hear from you!	Eleanor Meltzer, Chief of Staff, and John Doll, Special Assistant, Office of the Under Secretary and Director of the USPTO
5:30 - 7:00	Networking Reception	
Throughout the conference	One-on-One with the Experts	Sign up in advance at the registration table.